

Annual General Meeting

29 November 2015



In Attendance

Clive Start, Ken Howell, Elaine Richardson, Derek Richardson, Kathy Young, Jenny Raymond, Pam Bunney, Barb Morrison, Franz Shaw, Mark Newlands, Tony Plowman, Brendan Quirke, James Disney, Janette Gwilliam, and Mark Potter (AGM Chairman).

Apologies

These were received from Stephen Tubbs, Anita Woodgate, Daniel Woodgate, Rowan Pollock, Ron Stevens, Julia Stevens, Jocelyn Syme, Clive Eastwood, and Shelly Eastwood.

Youth Scholarship

The 2015 recipient, Joel Carmen, came along and chatted with everyone about his year. He hopes to improve his times and his goal for next year is to improve his PB for 800m. The money helped by getting him to national events in Tauranga and Christchurch and new gear for training and competing.

Previous Minutes

These were available on the website all year - membership, storage costs, uniforms & something else were discussed.

*Motion to accept Previous Minutes: Mark Potter
Seconded: Franz Shaw
Accepted*

Presidents Report

Membership increased by 7% to 54. The free trial offer has helped attract new people.

Rotorua and Queenstown 'special offers' not as successful this year. Previous success had been in encouraging lapsed members to return. These may not be continued.

Half marathon entrants for the Pelorus Event were invited to train with the club for their final 'long' training run. This attracted four new people on that day.

Diary function has gone well with more integrated marathon training programmes and better coordinating away runs as a club

Tongariro weekend in March went incredibly well, crossing wasn't done but it was excellent fun regardless. Annual dinner at Speights went well also.

Pelorus race numbers were up but profit was down a bit, challenge is to now get registrations up to increase the profitability of the race, to protect our capital asset base.

Successful application to get funding for our storage has helped our financial spending for the year

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Mark thanked the committee members on the both the main committee and Pelorus committee - can't be done without them

Franz suggested more media coverage i.e. radio & TV.

Elaine suggested using small business cards. We do have these so it was asked that the members helped spread them around their local gyms and the like. James mentioned the large number running people at his work, and how can we convince people to run further and convince them to join a running club – such as offering midweek training.

Race Directors Report

Tony discussed the race and how expenses were more in some areas but that some were fixed costs. Traffic Management saved us money as Murray did this for us. We are looking at ways to improve our marketing and reduce costs but still raise our standards, and get more people in.

Sponsors: Edgewater was fantastic, and Hoka One One replaced Brooks. Hells Pizza was new but very supportive - Pelorus donated \$8,000 - down on previous years. Special Olympics received \$950. Tony thanked the committee.

Ken gave thanks to Murray for all the signs he put up. Elaine had a query about some of the financials. Ken discussed our race and how he thinks our race is so good how we have volunteers and members (old and new) which is a good things and something we should never lose sight of. Feedback from people is always really positive with a great atmosphere. Franz had a different opinion, and thought it was only a matter of time before we become like the bigger events (professional).

Treasurers Report

Our actual spend is lower than previous years helped by the fact we had a storage grant of \$1700 approved. Moving forward things are looking good. Pelorus Race income has decreased on previous years. BNZ account was created for a merchant account. Term deposit hasn't been touched this year. Elaine had some queries regarding some of the financials. James has verified the accounts, and confirmed that all information is accurate.

*Motion to accept the president's report, race director's report and treasurer's report: Ken Howell
Seconded: Elaine Richardson
Accepted*

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2016 Membership Fees

Athletics NZ is levying directly now, not via Wellington Centre like in the past. Levying 'social' members is something new that has been introduced. The main benefits of these levies are for national youth and high performance programmes. ANZ levies are for social and competitive runners but nothing for volunteers.

Following a detailed review by Mark, the committee proposed that we change our membership structure to reflect the new ANZ structure. The new structure would see an estimated total average increase of \$2.50 per member. Proposed changes:

- Reclassify the Individual member category to Social member, and increase subs from \$40 to \$45 per year.
- Delete Family membership category.
- Offer Competitive member category, with all additional regional and national costs paid by the member. Club levy equivalent to Social membership category.
- Introduce new Volunteer member category with \$0 total paid by qualifying members. Athletics NZ levy for this category is \$0 for 2016. Athletics Wellington are yet to decide, but any regional levy for this category to be met by club funds. Expected to be only a few dollars.
- Recognised volunteer roles include: management committee members and race committee members. Management committee are responsible for defining recognised volunteer roles as required.
- Life member category to be continued. These would effectively be one of the other membership categories (with Club levy waived) but liable for national and regional levies. Where required these costs would be subsidised by the club. Current Life members are Ken (Volunteer) Trevor (Friend) & Mike (Social).
- If people belong to another club, and have already paid National and Regional membership levies, they will only be liable for the Club levy.

There was much general discussion about the levy costs and what they all mean.

Motion to accept new fee structure: Mark Potter

Seconded: Mark Newlands

Accepted

The Pelorus Event is currently 'sanctioned' by Athletics Wellington. With the event charged \$2.50 per entrant. As well as sanctioning the event, this fee includes a charge for the timing system and our club's current contribution to Athletics Wellington. The ongoing validity and level of each of these fee elements will be reviewed as part of the Pelorus Event planning.

Was suggested including a Friend membership category. Mark agreed this was a good idea, so long as it wasn't used to avoid national and regional levies. This was discussed, and it was agreed this was possible by linking it only to those who do not participate in running or walking activities, but who do wish to be associated with the club.

Motion to create Friend membership category: Ken Howell

Seconded: Mark Potter

Accepted

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Election of Officers

President

*Motion to elect Mark Potter: Mark Potter
Seconded: Barb Morrison
Accepted*

Club Captain

Vacant

Secretary

Vacant

Treasurer

*Motion to elect Mark Newlands: Mark Potter
Seconded: Barb Morrison
Accepted*

Committee Members

*Motion to re-elect Murray Thessman, Tony Plowman and Brendan Quirke: Mark Potter
Seconded: Janette Gwilliam
Accepted*

Committee Members

*Motion to elect Barb Morrison and Kathy Young: Mark Potter
Seconded: Janette Gwilliam
Accepted*

Following discussion at the Race Debrief meeting, the Race Director role has split between Ken, Tony, Janette and Mark.

General Business

There was no new general business

Awards

Margaret Field Memorial Trophy was awarded to Jocelyn Syme who had a better than expected overall year with improved times.

Marathon Cup was awarded to Clive Start for a huge improvement in his marathon time.

Most Valued Club Member was awarded to Janette Gwilliam for her secretarial and race committee work.

Cliff Hrstich Memorial Trophy was awarded to Steve Tubbs who guessed his Rotorua finishing time within 7 seconds.

Club Championship Run was won by Clive Eastwood

Club Championship Walk was won by Chris Leahy

A trophy was awarded to Mike Leahy for completing his 150th marathon

First time marathoners in 2015 were: Christina Hall, Peter Murmu, Anita Woodgate, Daniel Woodgate, Jocelyn Syme, and Mark Potter

Meeting closed at 9:21am